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Local restaurants violate codes

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Chief Reporter | @mccoy014

Several food establishments were visited and inspected in January, and the release of the Nodaway County Health Department's report brought with it some troubling news.

Tom Patterson, Nodaway County environmental public health specialist, visited several schools and restaurants in Maryville, including Bubba's BBQ, Simply Siam and Northwest's Campus Dining.

Initial inspection revealed problems such as mice feces at

Bubba's, cracked plastic and old food debris in cooking equipment in the Bearcat Food Court and dirty ice machines at Simply Siam.

In response to problems inside the Student Union, senior Lauren Todtfeld thought there needed to be change.

"That is disgusting," Todtfeld said. "They should have supervisors watching harder to make sure everything is getting done correctly."

Health inspections are done randomly by the Nodaway County Health Department, and some of these establishments were given opportunities to correct violations.

After an initial visit Jan. 10, Bubba's was visited again Jan. 11 and Jan 17. By the third visit, there were no visible violations.

"Once the health inspector comes in, it has to be corrected or they'll shut you down," said Craig Schuler, husband of the Simply Siam owner.

After the first visit Jan. 9, Simply Siam had its dishwasher serviced and the ice machine cleaned, fixing what the Health Department considered the more serious prob-

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BROOKLYN SUMMERVILLE | NW MISSOURIAN

Simply Siam was one of the food establishments the Nodaway County Health Department visited in January. It was reported to have dirty ice machines.

State of the Union effects Show-Me State

Missouri officials, residents address Obama's proposals

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The annual State of the Union address given by the president is designed to give the United States a clearer picture of problems all over the nation and how to fix them. Missouri is not without its fair share of problems and during the address, Obama outlined many proposals that would directly impact the state of Missouri.

Minimum Wage Increase

The most buzzed about portion of Obama's speech was his proposal to increase the federal minimum wage to \$9 an hour.

Obama and other proponents argue that this increase would go back to the inflation-adjusted values that were present before 1981. As a result it would allow a full-time worker receiving minimum wage to live above the poverty line.

Some Missouri business owners, however, have a different idea when it comes to the possible effects of rais-

ing the minimum wage.

"Employers should determine what wages are rather than the government raising it artificially," said Karen Buschmann, vice president of communications at the Missouri Chamber of Commerce. "If employers find it too expensive to hire Americans, they may move jobs overseas to combat the costs."

The federal minimum wage is set at \$7.25 an hour. It has not changed since 2009.

The minimum wage for Missouri workers was raised by 10 cents in January to \$7.35 due to a ballot initiative passed in 2006 that adjusts the rate every year to keep up with the rising cost of living.

A specific detail of Obama's proposal that was left out of his speech is how a higher minimum wage may affect tipped employees, such as waitresses.

"I'm fine with raising it for kitchen employees, but our lobby employ-

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CHARLES DHARAPAK | ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Barack Obama waves as he walks down the West Wing Colonnade of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013, ahead of the State of the Union speech on Capitol Hill.

Class offered encourages interaction with seniors

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For the next 15 years, 10,000 adults will turn 65 every day, meaning society is in the middle of a changing demographic tide.

With the increase in senior citizens, Northwest professor Sue Myllykangas believes everyone should take the opportunity to get friendly with the older generation. Northwest offers that opportunity with a minor in gerontology, or the study of the psychological and sociological aspects of old age and aging.

One particular class offered with this minor is therapeutic recreation interventions with the elderly. Myllykangas described the positive impact this class has on both students and the elderly.

"I'm mixing my love of leisure and recreation with aging to, hopefully, teach students how to work with older adults in a fun way," Myllykangas said. "It's kind of like taking the pill and hiding it in the cheese."



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

Professor Sue Myllykangas instructs her Therapeutic Recreation Interventions for the Elderly class Wednesday. The class teaches elderly involvement.

Involvement with the elderly can complement any major, Myllykangas said. The changing demographic means a shift in fields such as hospital care, technology and advertising. Because of this, there is a growing need for familiarity with senior citizens.

This minor might benefit everyone, but the ones pursuing the minor have a special passion for the

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Soil to remain weak for years following drought

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With recent summers hitting Missouri's soil and farmers hard, experts are not sure conditions will be improving anytime soon.

Last summer, Missouri underwent its third driest summer since 1895, with only 8 inches of rainfall from May through August. A University of Missouri researcher said it will take a couple of years for the soil and crops to recover.

Randall Miles, associate professor of soil science at MU School of Natural Resources, found in research that the soil is overwhelming dry from the decline in precipitation during the recent summers.

"To start recovering, we need to get back to our normal rainfall over the next two years," Miles said. "Even with above-average rainfall, we may be looking at 18-24 months to start carrying us forward."

Miles said the moisture in the soil is far below average levels.

"Since August 2011, we have had a deficit of water compared to

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News Briefs: Murder suspect awaits decision on change of venue request

Tony M. Overlin, a suspect in the murder of a Northwest student, awaits a judge's decision on a motion for a change of venue.

Overlin of Bethany, will appear 4 p.m. Friday in the Nodaway County Courthouse to determine where his trial proceedings for his second-degree murder and first-degree assault charges will be held.

Overlin is accused of the Sept. 14 assault and killing of Tomarken Smith, a senior at Northwest.

Kevin D. Mooney of Bethany, Mo. is also a suspect. Mooney awaits a pre-trial conference March 11.

Check nwmissourinews.com after the hearing Friday to read if the motion for change of venue was approved.

Finalists chosen for vacant Booth College dean position

Northwest selected two candidates as finalists for the dean of the Melvin. D. and Valorie G. Booth College of Business and Professional Studies.

The two candidates are Alan G. Krabbenhoft, a professor of finance and economics at Purdue University North Central in Westville, Ind., and William T. Mawer, a special assistant and advisor to the vice president of academic affairs and president at Southeastern

Oklahoma State University in Durant, Okla.

Members of the community can meet the finalists in two town hall meetings. Krabbenhoft's meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 25 in Colden Hall room 3500, and Mawer's will be 4:30 p.m. March 4 in Colden Hall room 3500.

Their visits will also include meetings with the Booth College's department chairs, faculty and staff and a tour of campus.

Student Senate begins to examine fee distribution

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Northwest students may have additional fees to pay when signing up for classes next year. Student Senate is beginning its process of deciding what fees may be added for the 2013-14 school year.

To tackle student fees, Student Senate has created an ad hoc committee, which is a small committee within the Senate set up temporarily to address a specific issue.

“The ad hoc committee is designed to examine the issue more closely. So instead of taking it to the student body, it’s made for a pertinent topic, like student fees, in order to make the process quicker,” said Matthew Fritsch, Student

Senate vice president.

For those who do not know, student fees are additional fees students are charged per credit hour that go toward various programs and services within the University.

Last spring, Student Senate decided on an additional \$2.50 per credit hour, with \$2 going to capital improvement and 50 cents going toward a sustainability program.

One item purchased with the sustainability fee was the automatic water bottle fillers in the J.W. Jones Student Union and the B.D. Owens Library.

The ad hoc committee is still in the beginning stages of deciding student fees for next year, but there

are some areas that could see an increase.

“The areas we are looking to increase are the student activities fee, academic equipment fee, minimum wage fee and the technology fee,” Fritsch said.

This committee will meet one or two more times before its decision is brought before the general Senate. After its decision is finalized, the issue will be brought to the Student body.

“This is when students have an opportunity to voice their concerns and ask questions before it’s taken to a vote,” Fritsch said.

After Northwest students vote on student fees, final approval will come from the Board of Regents.



ALEX RASH | NW MISSOURIAN

Matt Fritsch, Student Senate vice president, who heads the student fees ad hoc committee, speaks at the Student Senate meeting Tuesday. The committee’s goal is to approve possible fee increases for students.

STUDENTS SUPPORT WOMEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM



HANNAH JURGENSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Members of Tau Kappa Epsilon cheer on the Women’s basketball team Saturday during the Pack the Stands game.

Benefits held in honor of late Aramark employee

TORI BAIGI
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Community members from Maryville and surrounding areas came together to help the family of late Northwest and Aramark employee Trudy Jacobsen.

Jacobsen died Jan. 8 of stage IV melanoma. Jim Ball, a family friend, organized a benefit at the First United Methodist Church in Maryville Feb. 12, raising over \$1,400.

“I know they have expenses, and we’re just trying to help,” Ball said. “They’re good people. They have always given to others. It’s time they received.”

More than five hundred people attended the benefit dinner. Ball said the event was a touching community effort. Aramark employees at the University, the Maryville High School football team and numerous family friends all joined efforts to put on the event.

Jeff Falow a family friend, described the outcome of the event as “overwhelming.”

“We were flabbergasted,” Ball said. “It was so heart warming to see the turnout and how generous people are.”

Ball plans to organize a three-on-three basketball tournament March 26 where players will pay an entry fee to support the family. Falow said Jacobsen loved all

sports, but her heart belonged to basketball.

Falow said the money raised will help the family tremendously because Trudy’s husband, Monte, could be out of work for months. Monte returned from undergoing colon cancer surgery in Omaha, Neb., two days before his wife’s death.

“He’s been battling his own battles,” Ball said. “It’s going to take him a while to recover from (his wife’s death), but he’s getting stronger every day.”

Ball said the family continues receiving “overwhelming support.” Friends check in on Monte and their son, Danner, and bring food to the house frequently.

Ball said Danner, a sophomore at MHS, is doing “as well as expected.” Ball said Danner stays busy with sports and school and has a strong support system of friends.

Perhaps Danner inherited his love of sports from his mother. Ball described Trudy as a “number one Bearcat fan.” Trudy traveled to Northwest championship football games as far as Alabama and Minnesota.

“She loved sports, and she loved her family,” Ball said. “She was just an outstanding individual.”



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News Brief: University hosts events to help students find jobs

Northwest students have the opportunity to practice their interviewing skills with real employers.

Career Services is hosting Mock Interview Day from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 28 in the J.W. Jones Student Union. Interested students must register online by Feb. 22 at www.nwmissouri.edu/careerserv.

After the mock interview, the employers will provide students with feedback on their résumé, interview responses and overall impression.

Career Services is also hosting its annual Career Day from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 12 in Bearcat

Arena. More than 80 employers offering full-time, summer and internship positions will attend.

The employers attending include Cerner Corporation, Bartlett and Company and the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Garmin International and more. For a complete list of employers attending visit the Career Services’ page on the Northwest website.

Additionally, Career Services will host its Education Expro from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. April 5 in Bearcat Arena to connect qualified teacher applicants with perspective school districts.

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Call for submissions: Public skills class	History Day 9 a.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union Women’s Tennis vs. Drury 2 p.m. at Springfield, Mo.
Northwest Fitness Center Heart Health Challenge Lamkin Activity Center	Men’s Tennis vs. Ouachita Baptist 2 p.m. at Springfield, Mo.
Room Selection 2013-14: Any building, any room selection	Colden Pond Plunge 2 p.m. at Colden Pond

Saturday, Feb. 23

Art exhibit: John Y. Chang: “Encounters of Space” Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Password Pink 11 a.m. at Maryville High School Gym
Call for submissions: Public skills class	Bearcat Baseball vs. Lindenwood 12 p.m. at Bearcat Baseball Field
Northwest Fitness Center Heart Health Challenge Lamkin Activity Center	Women’s Tennis vs. Arkansas Tech Springfield, Mo.
Sigma Society Service Week	Men’s Tennis vs. Drury 2 p.m. at Springfield, Mo.
Music performance scholarship auditions Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Softball at Minnesota Tournament 6 p.m. at Benton-Rochester, Minn.
Sigma Society Girl Scout Day 8 a.m.	St. Francis Gala 6:30 p.m. at Maryville Community Center
Missouri Academy Preview Day 9 a.m. at Garrett-Strong Science Building	Sunday, February 24, 2013 Art exhibit: John Y. Chang:

Sunday, Feb. 24

“Encounters of Space” Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Bearcat Baseball vs. Lindenwood 12 p.m. at Bearcat Baseball Field
Call for submissions: Public skills class	Softball at Minnesota Tournament Benton-Rochester, Minn.
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Library receives money for summer programs

Patterson said the program has been on the rise for the past couple of years.

Sign-up for the summer reading program begins in June.

Bratton denies the bill contains any religious motive and in turn refers to evolution as "just as faith-



The passing of the bill could have consequences for the science community. Thornsberry said he believes many faculty members at Northwest would refuse to comply

"Certainly at the levels of higher educations, they would be facing a major outbreak of civil disobedience on the part of faculty members," Thornsberry said. "Faculty would perceive this essentially as a slap in the face to the scientific process."

Bratton said the committee has until Aug. 28, 2014, to vote to hear the bill.

Website owner poses problems for officials during Mozingo rebranding

The first result to appear in many of these searches, www.mozingolakemo.com, does not belong to the city of Maryville. It does not belong

In an attempt to complete the

Hickey started running the site while he was still a resident of Maryville and a professor at Northwest. His site includes pictures of Mozingo Lake and patrons and information about available recreational activities. The contact number is listed as Maryville City Hall, but a contact email form is included as well. Discussion with Hickey has not led to any progress.

"I've followed up with him several times and have not heard back from him," Heiland said. "We have forwarded the issue to our legal department to examine our options, and we've gotten some information

Ryan Heiland

to look at different kind of precedence on this type of issue. Basically, it's in our legal department right now."

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OUR VIEW:
Speech appears overly optimistic

If you watched President Obama's State of the Union Address, there were a lot of great ideas. Whether you lean left or right, there were plenty of ideas that could apply to your life.

One of the biggest points of his speech was minimum wage. Small business owners' hearts skipped a beat when the president proposed raising the federal minimum wage to \$9 an hour. Many states, including Missouri, already have a minimum wage set higher than \$7.25 an hour, the current federal level. Such an increase in minimum wage would be beneficial to many but difficult to execute, it would move our economy ahead a few years earlier than expected.

The president's speech also touched on early childhood education. In his speech, he pointed out that many children do not have access to quality preschools. He pledged to ensure that every

child would one day have access to the best education from a young age. Realistically, this plan will take years to master, but it is seen as an investment in education.

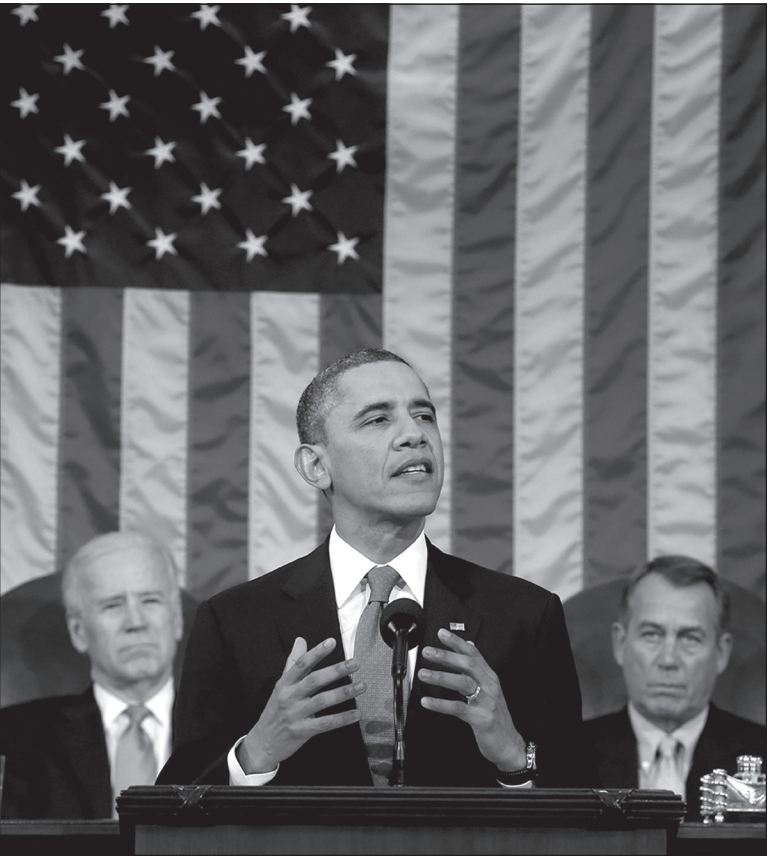
Lastly, the president spoke about gun control, the most anticipated topic of the night. He pointed out members of the audience affected by gun violence: former congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, who was shot at a rally in Tuscon, Ariz. in 2011, and the family of 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton, who was shot this month in Chicago. He demanded that they deserved a vote, whether it was for or against gun control measures.

Many have said a bipartisan approach to gun control measures would easily pass in the Senate with both parties voting in favor of the measure. The odds of it passing the House are slim. As with any proposal, the president

needs Congress to pass any law that would put his policies in action, and Congress does not want to work with him.

The president's speech included immigration reform and voting reform as well. In all, the speech was a vision of the U.S. the president wanted to see and less about the state of the union as it is today. Most State of the Union speeches are like this; it gives presidents the chance to outline their agenda for the entire nation.






The most recent State of the Union was executed effectively for a president seeking support in Congress on tough issues. A president can always hope his speech instills an ideal in a voter's mind that drives him to contact his representative or senator. There were many idealistic and seemingly unrealistic points in his speech. We will see in a year how the union has benefitted from these proposals.




CHARLES DHARAPAK | AP
President Barack Obama, flanked by Vice President Joe Biden and House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, gestures as he gives his State of the Union address Tuesday, Feb. 12.

CAMPUS TALK

How do you feel about the president's plan to raise minimum wage to \$9?

				
"I think it's a pretty good proposal. With the hard times right now, there's a lot of people struggling. Raising the minimum wage would help out a lot of people, especially the younger generation."	"I don't think it's a bad decision, lots of people rely on minimum wage for everyday things. People base their entire lifestyle off of minimum wage, so it wouldn't be a bad choice."	"I don't think it will be very effective in the long-term. It will probably decrease the amount of jobs available and raise prices."	"As an average American, sure I'd love for the minimum wage to be \$9 an hour. In some areas of the country like California, the cost of living is way higher so I'm sure it effects them greatly."	"Obama's proposal to raise the minimum wage to \$9 is bad for small business because it will make it harder for them to pay their workers resulting in more layoffs."
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GOP panders to Hispanics, forgets women



CODY UHING
Opinion Editor

I have said it before, and I will say it again, the Republican Party has a problem. The GOP faced a disheartening loss in the presidential election and lost seats in the Senate and House of Representatives because it has a problem.

The problem lies in Republican policies. I am not saying Republican policies are incorrect all the time, but the party will keep losing votes as the nation moves to the left.

Republican policies are perfect for middle-aged and older white men. They are not perfect for al-

most every other demographic in the U.S. Most of the GOP leadership in Congress realizes they need to change things, but rather than looking at their policies and message, they pander.

What better way to pander to a growing population of Hispanic voters than to put a Hispanic Republican senator on television after the president speaks? Everything. There is no way to pander that does not make a party look bad.

Pandering to different demographics demeans that group of voters and shows the party has no respect for itself or the groups it panders to. Putting Marco Rubio on television with the Republican rebuttal to the State of the Union was a mistake for the Republican Party.

It not only has a problem

with Hispanic voters, it is losing women voters every year. Using a Hispanic senator to pander to the Hispanic populations undermines its efforts to court women voters because Rubio voted with 21 other Republican senators against the Violence Against Women Act.

The GOP needs to be smart about how it reaches out to the demographics it is losing. Republicans need to think through the consequences to their actions, something they aren't doing. They need to coalesce behind the new woman-friendly Republican Party.

Rubio was a terrible choice to give a speech on the new Republican Party, especially when, hours before, he voted just like the old Party would vote, against women. He messed up hours before he ever lunged for that water bottle.

Letter to the Editor:

NEAL DAVIS
Director of Student Achievement at the Missouri Academy

I take issue with the "Our View" section of the Feb. 14, 2013, Northwest Missourian regarding Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing representation in Student Senate. There is a statement in the section that reads "There are certain restrictions on Academy students that keep them from having a connection with people outside of their institution."

As the director of student achievement at the Missouri Academy, I understand the policies and procedures that we have

in place because of the age of our population. However, for you to suggest that these prevent Missouri Academy students from making connections to those outside of North Complex demonstrates a complete lack of knowledge about or effort to understand the program and is clearly not based on facts or information learned from anyone associated with the Missouri Academy.

For many years, our students have been allowed and encouraged to be involved in numerous Northwest organizations and events (did you know that a Missouri Academy student wrote for The Missourian five years ago?).

I would challenge anyone to show me how the Missouri Academy student experience prevents them from being connected to the University.

Missouri Academy students are as much a part of Northwest as non-traditional, international and commuter students. While all of their experiences will be different than a traditional college freshman, it does not diminish the connection they have to Northwest. I think The Missourian should make an effort to understand this before expressing an opinion that has no understanding of what the Missouri Academy experience is like.

Dear Stroller:

BRETT MAYEKAWA
Senior
Marketing

Let me begin by saying that I love the long-standing tradition of having an anonymous writer in the paper. It is one of the first articles I flip to, but recently, the only reason I read it is to see how you are attacking Greek Life or who is at the end of a joke gone awry.

There have been many instances where I read "The Stroller" and shook my head, usually just in frustration. My frustration begins with the war against Greek Life but turns into disgust when you choose to make a distasteful joke.

As a member of Greek Life, I am often frustrated with what I read. There is a huge disconnect between what Greek Life is and what you think it is. You once attacked us on Homecoming themes, and you often attack the way we dress. We all know the stereotypes, and some of us often fit the stereotypes. But you always find a way to alienate us from the rest of Northwest. To be frank, it seems like you have had a bad run-in with someone in Greek Life, so you assume that we all must be like that.

In the most recent article, you spoke about your "ideal woman." To paraphrase, you stated your ideal woman comes from the family and consumer science department, is taking nutrition and dietetics courses, so she's "fit like a fox," can cook, spends time with the "fashionista merchandising majors," so she dresses well and does not wear Uggs and spandex with a sorority t-shirt.

While that passage didn't offend me, I know that some women were offended. It came off as a "make me a sandwich" mentality while once again, degrading women.


Following are two instances where I have opened the paper and been horrified at what I was reading.

The first being the "Phi Mu" incident, which I will not go further into detail about because those that had read it know what I am talking about. The second I will call, "The Jerry Sandusky Incident." When talking about a JW's Grille advertisement featuring a cheeseburger, "The Stroller" states: "but take a closer look at the cheeseburger and you'll see that - just like a Sandusky victim - it's got something horribly wrong between its buns."

I'm not saying you can't make jokes because every now and then, there is one line in the article that is comedic gold. I only ask that you give a certain level of sympathy. There is a line that should be drawn, and that line needs to be understood before the students and community pick up a copy of the paper. Where do we draw the line? We draw the line at the Phi Mu incident. We draw the line at trying to get a few laughs at the expense of children who were raped and sexually assaulted.

The school newspaper should be loved by all in our community. Nobody should feel embarrassed that this article, this tradition, is associated with Northwest. Sometimes in life, in order to take a step forward, you must take a step backward. I feel that today is that day.

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CORRECTION:
Maryville native's television show winnings unknown

In last week's edition of The Northwest Missourian, some misinformation was printed regarding the story on DJ Merrill.

It was reported that Merrill, who is part of a competition-based reality show, did not win any prizes. However, due to contract re-

straints, Merrill could not share any outcomes of the show. The state of his winnings or lack there of are yet to be determined.

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not to tip very well,” Joy Wok owner Jennifer Liu said.

Democrats in the House of Representatives have been trying to raise the minimum wage for years, and any new legislation will likely meet staunch opposition from Republicans.

Education Reform

Another issue Obama discussed was education reform, mainly targeting the nation’s youngest students as well as briefly touching on college students.

In his speech, Obama called for making high-quality preschool available for every child in America. His argument mirrors studies showing children who attend preschool are less likely to drop out of high school, develop a substance abuse problem or commit violent crimes.

“Research will tell you that preschool is very important,” said Steve Klotz, assistant superintendent of the Maryville R-II School District. “The younger we expose students to learning letters, numbers and words, the better their chance are for success.”

The Maryville public school district has operated a preschool

for the last 13 years, paid for by state funds long with tuition from students. However, costs can be lowered depending on household income. Other options for preschool students in the area include St. Gregory’s, Horace Mann Laboratory School and Head Start, all of which are tuition-based.

“The big issue is funding, and the state K-12 budget is \$600 million short in the funding formula,” Klotz said. “I appreciate Obama’s support for more preschool, but we have to come back to the real world and figure out how we’re going to pay for it.”

Another education reform brought up briefly during Obama’s speech was his support for more vocational training for high school students, similar to receiving a technical degree from a community college.

This is something that the Maryville area has already gotten behind.

Maryville happens to be home to the Northwest Technical School, which offers high school students in northwest Missouri professional training in areas such as agriculture, automotive service and culinary arts.

“Everyone recognizes the fact that preparing students to be college-or career-ready is important,” Klotz said.

In 2012, 98 percent of Maryville High School graduates took at least one course in career and technical education.

Infrastructure Investment

One issue discussed during the State of the Union that may go under the radar is investing in the United States’ crumbling roads and bridges.

This is a problem Missouri residents know all too well.

According to the American Society of Civil Engineers, 34 percent of Missouri’s major roads are in poor or mediocre condition, and 33 percent of its bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. Also, drinking water infrastructure may need an investment of almost \$6 billion over the next 20 years.

There are many proposals floating around the Missouri state legislature that attempt to correct this problem.

One calls for a 1 percent increase in sales tax for a decade. Another proposal would issue \$950 million in bonds to fund repairs at state facilities.

Maryville residents may see effects of these proposed bills on their electric bills if the state legislature votes to allow power companies to raise rates on its customers in order to pay for infrastructure repair.

SOIL

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what we normally get,” Miles said. “We are about 11 inches short from that 15-month segment.”

Because of the large amount of crops that come from Missouri, the soil requires moisture lost from winter-time to be restored. The small amount of moisture in the subsoil is hurting the crop production.

However, from what Miles has seen, the Northwest region is not as bad as other portions of the state.

“Central and southern Missouri have suffered most, with the dry weather not boding well for beef production,” Miles said.

Greg Baumann, assistant man-

ager of the Maryville Missouri Farmer’s Association, agreed with Miles’ comments.

Baumann stated this will be another bad season for area farmers and their crops.

“Going into this year, there is no subsoil moisture, so we are depending on more timely rain,” Baumann said.

From looking at predictions for the upcoming months, Miles is guessing we will have more moisture and cooler temperatures than last summer, but most likely moisture still will not reach our averages.

“(This drought) is similar to droughts in the early ‘50s that the Midwest saw,” Miles said. “If it is similar to those years, it may take a long time to get out of it.”

FOOD

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considered the more serious problems.

There is bound to be a violation, according to Schuler.

“Whenever the health inspector comes into the restaurant, they can’t find it completely spotless,” Schuler said.

A majority of violations are issues that can be fixed immediately, such as cracked plastic being thrown away or food debris cleaned out of containers.

Chris Bodane, assistant man-

ager for campus dining services, was not able to provide comment about the Campus Dining inspection results.

Many students eat on campus, and many, such as junior Amber Siefkas, eat there and out on the town on a regular basis. Siefkas realizes, though, there is always room for error.

“It concerns me, yes, and I feel it needs to change,” Siefkas said about the Union. “But honestly, we all know this stuff happens in restaurants, and we take that chance every time we decide to eat out instead of cooking at home. It’s life.”

In regards to the campus food options, some students consider food safety an important responsibility of the University.

“It’s absolutely disgusting, especially considering the amount of students the University is in charge of feeding,” Marshall said. “That is a ton of students who are relying on safe food services, especially when you put into account how overpriced the food already is.”

More information about food safety and health inspection reports can be obtained by contacting the Nodaway County Health Department.



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An accident occurred between Stephen D. Hoskins, 25, Bolckow, Mo., and Samantha J. Mott, 23, Altamont, Mo., at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 71 and Business Hwy. 71.

An accident occurred between Roger L. Wilmes, 54, Bolckow, Mo., and Brittany W. Balster, 23, Maryville, Mo., at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 71 and 285th Street.

Feb. 2
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of assault at the 100 block of South Main Street.

There was a fire reported at the 200 block of West 16th Street.

Feb. 4
An accident occurred between Sarah A. Nielsen, 21, Treynor, Iowa, and Jill A. Coulter, 56, Maryville, Mo., at the 1000 block of South Main Street. Nielsen was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Feb. 6
Jon R. Popkey, 24, Deltona, Fla., was charged with driving while suspended and speeding at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 71 and Business Hwy. 71.

An accident occurred between Cynthia J. Aucker, 21, and Logan K. Tucker-Nelson, both of Maryville, Mo., at the 500 block of West Seventh Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 400 block of West Ninth Street.

Feb. 7
There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 600 block of South Main Street.

An accident occurred between Sai T. Mandalapu, 22, and Coletta M. Merrigan, 84, both of Maryville, Mo., at the 500 block of North Vine Street.

Feb. 8
Treigh M. Crouch, 22, Maryville, Mo., was charged with larceny at the 1200 block of East First Street.

An accident occurred between Kelly N. Lemm, 28, and Clara H. Sobotka, 59, both of Ravenwood, Mo., at the 1100 block of South Main Street.

An accident occurred between Sarah J. Nelson, Maryville, Mo., and Tyler W. Tolle, 22, Concordia, Mo., at the intersection of East First and South Main streets.

An accident occurred between Dorothy J. Walker, 85, Barbara E. Dreher, 48, and Sean G. Baker, 42, all of Maryville, Mo., at the 1500 block of South Main Street.

An accident occurred between Melissa A. Sandusky, 33, and Marilyn L. Weir, 67, both of Maryville, Mo., at the intersection of South Main Street and West South Avenue.

Feb. 9
Tylor J. Linkenhoker, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with the fraudulent use of a credit device at the 200 block of West Fifth Street.

Feb. 10
There is an ongoing investigation of disorderly conduct at the 300 block of

North Market Street.

Corey M. Tucker, 19, Kansas City, Mo., was charged with driving while suspended and failure to affix a front license plate at the 600 block of North Buchanan Street.

An accident occurred between Charles A. Samson, Warrensburg, Mo., and an unknown driver at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

Feb. 11
Nicole M. Ordnung, 28, Maryville, Mo., was charged with leaving the scene of an accident at the intersection of South Davis and East Thompson streets.

Feb. 12
There is an ongoing investigation of harassment at the 900 block of South Market Street.

Feb. 13
Vincent S. Defeo, 23, Maryville, Mo., was charged with being wanted on a warrant for failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

Jeffrey A. Pennington, 52, Maryville, Mo., was charged with being wanted on a warrant for failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 100 block of North Depot Street.

An accident occurred between Tiffany K. Swanson, 29, Holden, Mo., and Diane R. Bird, 37, Maryville, Mo., at the intersection of North Fillmore and West Sixth streets. Swanson was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Feb. 14

Martrez T. Taylor, 25, Maryville, Mo., was charged with failure to register a motor vehicle and having defective equipment at the 100 block of South Buchanan Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of a stolen vehicle at the 600 block of West Halsey Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 2500 block of Aurora Avenue.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 2500 block of Aurora Avenue.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 1000 block of North Buchanan Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 2700 block of Aurora Avenue.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 900 block of North Buchanan Street.

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There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 700 block of South Alco Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 1000 block of North Fillmore Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 500 block of West 11th Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 500 block of

West 11th Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 300 block of South Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 1700 block of North Grand Avenue.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at the 1000 block of North Walnut Street.

Feb. 15
Paige B. Mackenzie, 22, Maryville, Mo., was charged with being wanted on a warrant for failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 800 block of West Second Street,

Feb. 16
Nicholas J. G. Shelton, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with being a minor in possession and driving while intoxicated at the 700 block of East Fifth Street.

Matthew D. Wallace, 20, Kyle L. Schlake, 21, and Courtney M. Meyer, 22, all of Maryville, Mo., were charged with permitting a peace disturbance at the 1200 block of North Buchanan Street.

Feb. 17
Jerry D. Easley, 42, Clarinda, Iowa, was charged with driving with a revoked license and failure to maintain right of way at the 500 block of North Walnut Street.

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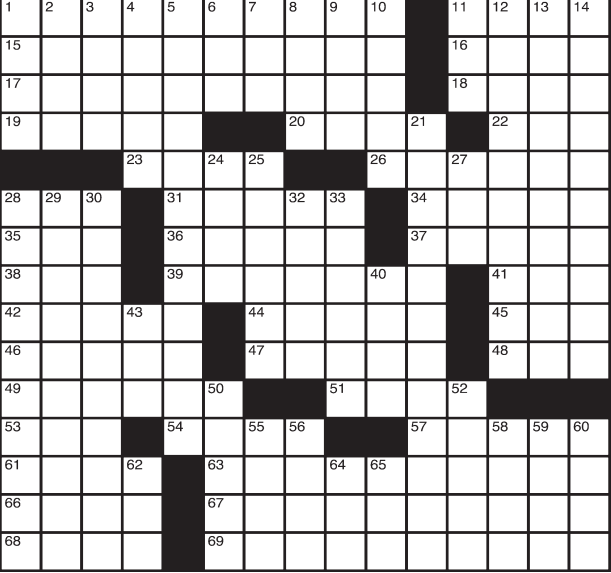
Across

- 1 Seller of beignets and éclairs
- 11 Women's medal-awarding Olympic sport since 1992
- 15 Men in dress clothes?
- 16 "The Night Circus" author Morgenstern
- 17 Reviewers of plays
- 18 One on a catboat
- 19 "___ they all, all honourable men": "Julius Caesar"
- 20 Bill listings
- 22 Degree in math?
- 23 Bankrupt European automaker
- 26 Escort
- 28 Wednesday relative
- 31 Alaska is the only state without one
- 34 Expected
- 35 One of a G.I.'s three squares
- 36 River near Vicksburg
- 37 Auto repair franchise
- 38 Pecan, e.g.
- 39 Turntable feature
- 41 Prefix with laryngology
- 42 Trumpet
- 44 Dig deeply
- 45 Zoning class.
- 46 "Mystery, Alaska" star
- 47 Golf unit
- 48 City east of Utrecht
- 49 Brief time out?
- 51 Color on San Jose Shark uniforms
- 53 Dave DeBusschere was its last commis-

- sioner: Abbr.
- 54 Expos, now
- 57 Like some sour cream
- 61 OPEC units
- 63 Do a steno's job
- 66 Place
- 67 Rascalion
- 68 Infinitive with a circumflex
- 69 One with a passing interest?

Down

- 1 Some organizers
- 2 River in Tuscany
- 3 Ethiopia's largest lake
- 4 Former Russian foreign minister
- 5 Beyond reproach
- 6 Item on Argentina's flag
- 7 Continental trade gp.
- 8 Pilot's hazard
- 9 About
- 10 Word comprising 60% of itself
- 11 Scout's brother, in a Harper Lee novel
- 12 Pitchblende, e.g.
- 13 Wandering
- 14 Free
- 21 Followed a caller
- 24 Hunan nurse
- 25 Market
- 27 "Psych" network
- 28 Beyond reproach
- 29 Pink-nosed cereal pitcher
- 30 One who won't take a shot?
- 32 Lively movement
- 33 Dress up
- 40 Shore bird
- 43 Personal



Answers for the Feb. 14 issue.

- 50 What hikers wear?
- 52 He played Ugarte in "Casablanca"
- 55 Rays' home field, familiarly, with "The"
- 56 Pitcher's goal
- 58 Solid
- 59 Bug
- follower?
- 60 Shore bird
- 62 Boy who fought his father in a 1969 hit
- 64 Emmy-winning scientist
- 65 Kind of time: Abbr.

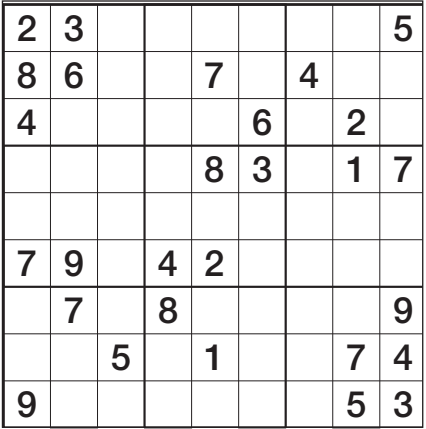
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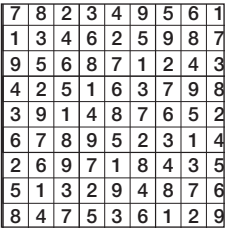
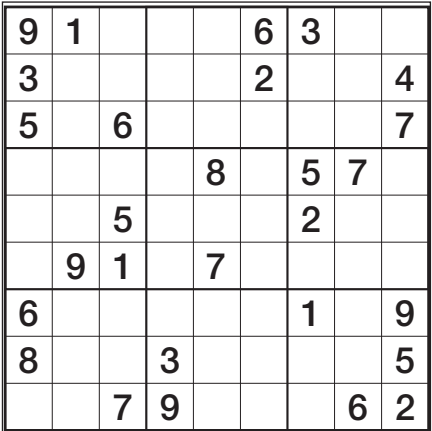
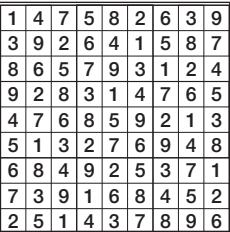
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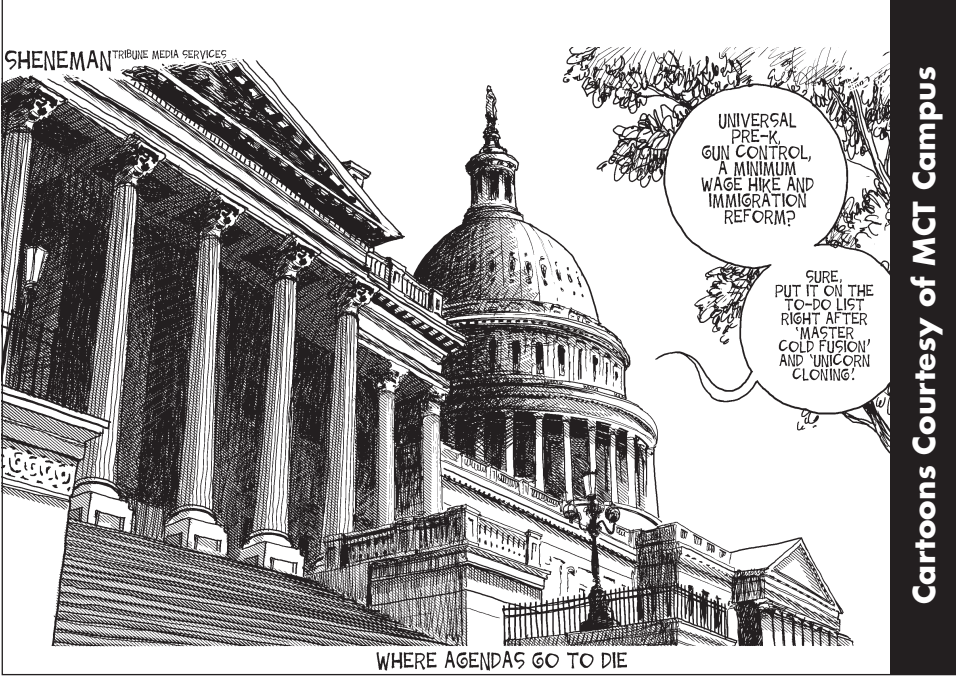
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Answers for the Nov 29 issue.



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Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (02/21/13). Happy times at home highlight the first half of the year. Cinch a romantic deal and get creative. Focus your intention and time-management skills. Career priorities shift. Writing and research are key. For best results, take a slow, steady pace with tested routines and team. Play.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- You're testing the limits. Your friends and family help grow your ideas and create new business. Nurture the necessary partnerships for sustainable growth.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- There's still a lot of work to do (especially around finances), but with dedication and compassion you make great progress. You can appreciate where you've gotten so far.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Reaffirm your vision for the future, and get some well-deserved attention. Keep it grounded in reality, though, as fantasies can play tricks now. Save something away for emergencies.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- You can really complete a project that you'd been putting off. Better fix something before it breaks. Avoid impetuous spending. Another's opinions

are important, even if confusing.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Together, you can achieve amazing things, but you may have to be patient. Saving money is important, but your health comes first. Try a different mode of transportation.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Make up a plan before you start. Include exercise in your routine; a little makes a difference over time. Keep producing excellence at work. Pad the schedule for the unexpected.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Integrity counts double now, especially at work. Customer satisfaction pays

dividends well into the future. Put in the extra effort. You're becoming more attracted and attractive.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Go over your options again before choosing, but choose, even if it seems difficult. There are excellent conditions for finding a great deal on the system you want. Don't waste a penny.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- The tension is getting higher, for better or worse. You can actually benefit greatly from the situation. You immediately see how to bend the rules to your benefit. But don't break them.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7

Nancy Black MCT Campus

-- Review the assignment to avoid errors. Don't be afraid to ask a special person to help. It's a good excuse to hang out, anyway. Keep it inexpensive with popcorn and tea.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Listen to others attentively, as if their words could be measured in gold. Your sixth sense is working well. Work out any kinks in communication or schedule without overextending.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Don't waste hours on communications that go nowhere. Minutes spent making extra copies of your data can save you time and money later. Take a break from a circular conversation. Talk it out later.

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(Top) Full chest and arms shot of Derrick Boozel and his tattoos.(Left) Knee Tattoo of an alien skull. (Middle) Left elbow sleeve of a skull and bio-mechanics wrapping around. (Right) Right shoulder sleeve depicting God in Heaven awaiting a soul.



Student spends over \$9,000 on body art

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As one’s eyes crawl up the arm of senior Derrick Boozel, all that is seen is the art that makes up his full sleeve tattoo is full of metal-like vines that wrap around his arm. As they slither around his elbow, a white skull periodically looks you in the face a time or two and tells you to keep going. That’s just a sample of the tattoos that one could see on Boozel’s body.

“I’ve got somewhere around \$9,000 invested...and a lot of my stuff still isn’t done,” Boozel said.

He has two full-arm sleeves, neither of which are completely finished, two large tattoos on his calves, and a lot of work done on his upper body. He said his ideas for his tattoos are not planned or deeply meaningful; they are more of a spontaneous idea.

“I guess my process with coming up with ideas is a pretty basic, fly by night kind of thing; they just come to me,” Boozel said.

But looking at them, the detail is so fine and well-placed that one would never assume that. Everything from bank robbers, a biomechanical theme from the movie “Predator,” to some ideas of God and fate taken from the movie “The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus.”

“My take on it...this is God sitting on the stairway between heaven and earth with the punishment card,

and just different themes from the movies that we picked out for fill-in work,” Boozel said of his sleeve tattoo on his right arm.

He even has plans to head to California over a weekend soon to get one of his sleeves colored in and close to finished. That’s not all he has planned as far as adding to his arsenal of body art.

“I’m actually flying to Australia in three weeks to get tattooed,” Boozel said. “I want to do an atom bomb/mushroom cloud on my side somewhere. I also want to do a portrait of a great white with an octopus somewhere around with tentacles.”

But he never gets tattooed anywhere near here; the closest he would go to Maryville is to an artist in Jefferson City. “They might be good for lettering, but a 5-year-old can do that; it’s just tracing patterns,” Boozel said. “Las Vegas and California is where I mainly go. Garage Inc., Fabian Danger and Miss Marshall, and they’re all really amazing color artists.”

As far as cost and prices go, Boozel recommends not even getting a tattoo if that’s an issue. And he says that it is really hard to give a fair estimate on what tattoos usually cost.

“Every tattoo is different, and like they all cost a different price dependent on how detailed you want it,” he said.

“Usually, the guys’ rates are \$150-

\$250 an hour. I’ll just book full days, and they’ll give me a break on the price. When I go, it’s usually \$1,000-\$1,500 a day,” said Boozel.

And when he goes, since he travels great distances, he usually books up to two days of work.

He also explains the great amount of time each session takes. “The shortest session was four hours, and the longest session I’ve had was 12 hours,” he said.

What about the pain? Boozel said the worst of the pain isn’t the needle on the raw skin, at least not for him. Instead, it is when the artist wipes it down periodically.

“They’ll literally dig your skin out for hours at a time, and every 15 minutes, they’re rubbing it down with their hand and a wash cloth,” Boozel said. They take anti-bacterial or alcohol-soaked cloths and wipe it down to keep out infections.

There were certain parts of the body that were more painful than others for him.

“My armpits were bad. My kneecaps really, really sucked,” he said. “After four to six hours, it gets brutal.”

The worst of it for him was over when the tattoo session ended. He says the maintenance isn’t bad, but some people complain about it the most.

“You keep putting ointments on it to keep it from getting crunchy because if you don’t, your scabs will fall

off and that’ll leave little windows in your tattoo from where the ink got pulled out.”

What does he think about other sorts of body modifications?

“I’ve got my nipples pierced, my navel and both ears,” Boozel said. “And if I was going do anything extreme, I might think about doing the tongue splitting thing, like a lizard. But I don’t know if I could sit still while someone cut my tongue open and then takes a hot torch to cauterize it.”

He warned about getting tattoos if you’re ever worried about what people will think, or if there is a worry it will affect chances of getting a job. He also said if you’ve ever thought about getting one and have not, keep it that way.

“You just become addicted. You’ll look in the mirror and be like ‘man, my tattoo isn’t big enough,’ or ‘this isn’t what I wanted.’ Once you start, you will not stop,” he said.

To him, it is not an issue. He is all about how it makes him feel, and in reality, that’s all that should matter. Boozel said “It’s like putting pin-stripes on a car, or something. It makes you look good. I get them because they make me feel good; they make me feel pretty.”

Puscifer release experimental EP

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Puscifer, the second side project of Maynard James Keenan, released its EP “Donkey Punch the Night.”

“Donkey Punch the Night” includes a cover of the Queen classic “Bohemian Rhapsody,” a 40-year-old song that is well overdone. Puscifer makes a good attempt to cover the classic.

Keenan became famous as the lead singer of Tool when the band became popular with the grunge scene of the ‘90s.

Keenan’s side projects, A Perfect Circle and Puscifer, sound different from the alternative metal style of Tool. “Donkey Punch the Night” represents Keenan’s sound.

“Dear Brother,” an original track from the release, portrays the psychedelic rock sound Keenan has developed. Lyrics about the meaning of life and the use of diverse instrumentals make the track an attraction.

The EP also includes remixes of the original tracks, another thing that sets Puscifer apart from Tool.

It looks like 2013 will be another dry year without the release



of a new Tool album. It’s last album, “10,000 days,” was the released in 2005.

“Donkey Punch the Night” may satisfy the Tool fans in misery awaiting its next album that has no set future.



Artist: Puscifer
Album: Donkey Punch the Night
Release date: Feb. 19, 2013

THE STROLLER: Your Man advises freshmen

So I heard through the grapevine that someone trusts students enough to publish a book filled with our opinions. It’s called the publication skills class, and they want to make an actual book filled with stories from students for all the cute little freshmen next year. Clearly, they have seriously overestimated the composition skills of students.

There’s so much wisdom I have to bestow on the younglings (for example, boobytrap backwards is partyboob), so I have taken it upon myself to jot down my own notes about what people can expect out of Northwest.

Dear freshmen,
This University will teach you a lot of things, except how many floors the J.W. Jones Student Union has. This is the subject of a very fierce debate among the greatest thinkers of our time.

You will certainly die young

if you depend on campus food for sustenance. Or Maryville water. Or food from Walmart, Taco John’s, Papichulo’s... alright, just get used to either being hungry or afflicted with type 2 diabetes and/or heart failure.

We don’t have a dean. We have a president. He and his moustache deserve your respect.

You are not allowed to watch “The Walking Dead” without manically tweeting about it like a One Direction fan. I swear, Northwest students and “The Walking Dead” are like hipsters and their food, the world must know about this breaking news.

If you hold the door open for another person, people will think you’re a nice person. If you don’t, people will think you are a Satan-worshipping pariah who roots for Mo West and kicks the wild cats that roam about town (don’t feed those by the way).

It’s easy to talk bad about Greeks. But when people make

rash assumptions such as “They’re just paying for friends” or “all they do is drink and party,” they’re making generalizations based on media caricatures of Greek life, a grand tradition steeped in honor and integrity. It’s just not fair. In reality, 85 percent of Greeks make the rest of them look really bad.

Cheerleading is a sport at Northwest. If you disagree, you are a filthy communist and can go drink Maryville water and die somewhere.

Above all, don’t settle for mediocrity. Stop having conversations about the unpredictability of the weather, or how the term you use for carbonated soft drinks is better than someone else’s. It’s been done before. This is your college experience, so get out there and make it extraordinary.

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Atoms for Peace release debut album

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Atoms for Peace, a nineties supergroup, finally gives fans the much anticipated debut album.

“Amok” proves to not be a huge abandonment from lead singer Thom Yorke’s main project, Radiohead, and its sound.

Atoms for Peace is a supergroup composed of Radiohead’s lead singer Thom Yorke and producer/unofficial sixth member/guitar player Nigel Godrich, Red Hot Chili Peppers’ bass player, Flea, and Joey Waronker, a drummer who played with Beck and R.E.M.

After almost three years since its inception, the band planned to release the album next Tuesday, but after a chat session on reddit, Yorke and Godrich provided a web link for the album’s stream. The site was bogged down due to traffic, and the songs wouldn’t load for some with slower Internet providers.

The album starts with the song “Before Your Very Eyes...,” and it instantly reminds one of such songs like “Bloom” off of Radiohead’s latest release, “The King of Limbs.” It’s a very bass-driven track, especially towards the middle of the song. The guitar line that starts from the beginning catches the listener and pulls him in for the last half of the song, the stronger and more focused half.

The band continues to pull sounds and ideas from the likes of Radiohead’s back catalogue. “Dropped” has a drawn out “break-down” part, which is reminiscent of “Sit Down, Stand Up,” off Radiohead’s 2002 release, “Hail to the Thief.”

It’s not until the latter half of the album that you get anything significant from the other members of the group, Flea and Waronker. On “Stuck Together Pieces,” and “Judge, Jury and Executioner,” Flea gets his time to shine, and the bass end is really what makes the songs. As for Waronker, in the previously mentioned song, “Judge, Jury and Executioner,” and the next song, “Reverse Running,” his ability to play technical drum lines is apparent.

The stand-out track of the album is the title track, and it is the closer for the record. Yorke wails throughout the song, “Don’t forget me.” On this track, all the pieces of Atoms for Peace come together. The band proves it won’t be forgotten; at least any time soon.



Band: Atoms for Peace
Album: Amok
Release date: Feb. 26, 2013

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WHAT'S HOT

Meteorites

The sky all over the world has been lit up by random meteorites for the past week.

The Alabama Shakes

Following the footsteps of bands like The Lumineers and Mumford & Sons, the band makes press after SNL performance.

4 Pictures 1 Word Game

Everyone and their dog is posting help requests for this game on Facebook.

WHAT'S NOT

North Korea

Threatening one nation at a time.

Mindy McCready

The country star committed suicide late Sunday evening.

Gas Explosion

Kansas City restaurant JJ’s was destroyed in an explosion caused by a gas leak Tuesday night.

Billboard Hot 100 Songs

1. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis ft. Wanz – “Thrift Shop”
2. Bruno Mars – “Locked Out of Heaven”
3. will.i.am & Britney Spears – “Scream & Shout”
4. The Lumineers – “Ho Hey”
5. Taylor Swift – “I Knew You Were Trouble.”

Billboard Top 200

1. Josh Groban – “All That Echoes”
2. Tim McGraw – “Two Lanes of Freedom”
3. “Now 45”
4. Mumford & Sons – “Babel”
5. Andrea Bocelli – “Passione”

In Theaters This Week:

“Snitch”
(Action)
Director: Ric Roman Waugh
Starring: Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, Susan Sarandon

“Dark Skies”
(Horror)
Director: Scott Stewart
Starring: Keri Russell, Jake Brennan

“Bless Me, Ultima”
(Drama/War)
Director: Carl Franklin
Starring: Luke Ganalón, Joseph A. Garcia

NORTHWEST KNOCKS OFF RANKED TEAM AT HOME



Senior guard DeAngelo Hailey sinks a buzzer-beating prayer from half court before halftime. Hailey’s shot played a key role in the 63-61 victory over Washburn.

STRIKEOUT

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them out and see what they’re doing,” Anderson said. “They might be a great pitcher, but they don’t change it up. They don’t think about things. Just that aspect really helps our team.”

It helped Northwest to a 25-19 record and a birth in the MIAA

Tournament, where Creger allowed just one earned run in 15 innings. Her efforts were not enough to advance the Bearcats, but her 150 strikeouts that season are a single-season program record.

But Creger was not done breaking records at Northwest. The righty finished last season with 407 strikeouts, shattering the previous career record of 368 set by Cola Kreuger in 2009. This time around, it will not

be any easy mark to eclipse. Not only did Creger break the record, she destroyed it. And she will continue to build on her total in what is still a long road ahead for her senior year.

The biology major has gotten off to a stellar start this season, tallying 24 strikeouts through 18 innings, scattering seven hits without surrendering an earned run. She is 3-0 with two complete games in

her three starts, providing stability to a young pitching staff with little depth.

Her leadership for a team off to a 7-0 start is invaluable, and her progression as a pitcher is a testament to her determination.

“All the experience from freshman, sophomore, junior year, you hope by the time they’re a senior it really pays off,” Anderson said. “And it certainly has for Jenna.”

OLYMPIC

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ball Classic. What does wrestling have for international competition besides the Olympics? For a college baseball player, the MLB is the ultimate goal. College wrestlers have the Olympics.

If the decision is upheld, I believe it will have a ripple effect down to pee-wee wrestling. In the U.S., there are 270,000 high school wrestlers. That’s 40,000 more than just a decade ago. The sport is growing. Without the Olympics, I am afraid the sport will lose popularity around the world.

Another thing I never understood is why boxing, judo and taekwondo are on TV during the Olympics more than wrestling.

The best wrestlers on the planet compete at the Olympics. I don’t see professional boxers like Manny Pacquiao or Juan Manuel Marquez competing at the games. I guarantee these guys would walk through Olympic competition.

On the other hand, a guy like Jordan Burroughs, who won gold for the USA in wrestling in 2012, is the best in the world at his weight. Nobody would dispute that because the Olympics are the pinnacle of wrestling competition.

In the ancient Olympic Games, there was wrestling. Yes, many of these matches ended in death, but the sport can be traced back more than 2,000 years. Now, you have pingpong, badminton and water dancing in the Olympics while wrestling is on the outside looking in. It doesn’t take a super athlete to compete in those sports. A wrestler has to be conditioned, strong, mentally tough and quick. A pingpong player needs to know how to play pingpong

Is it a money thing? Wrestling is about as low-cost as a sport can be. All you need is a mat, shoes and a singlet. (The ancient Greeks wrestled naked. Thankfully, singlets have been added to the modern games). It’s not a money thing with the IOC. It is just the fact that the guys in Switzerland at the head of the committee don’t like wrestling. That’s the problem.

Wrestling needs to stay because it is as old as the Olympic Games themselves, and because it gives young athletes something to strive for after college. Wrestling is easier to practice. You need yourself and an opponent. If they scrap wrestling, they are scrapping a 2,000 year old tradition.

In the near future, wrestling organizations around the world will surely make an attempt to keep the sport on the Olympic level. They do, however, have an uphill battle ahead of them. Trying to convince the IOC to reinstate a sport they have no interest in will be tough, but I remain optimistic. I just hope, for the sake of the sport, they overturn this dubious decision.

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NW MEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Fort Hays.....	17-6	11-4
Central Mo.....	17-6	11-4
Washburn.....	16-6	9-5
Central Oklahoma.....	11-11	9-5
Northeastern State.....	17-7	10-6
Lindenwood.....	16-7	9-6
NORTHWEST.....	16-8	9-6
Pitt. St.....	15-7	8-6
Southwest Baptist.....	9-15	7-9
Emporia St.....	11-11	6-8
Mo. Southern.....	11-12	6-9
Mo. Western.....	9-13	5-9
Truman.....	8-14	5-9
Nebraska-Kearney.....	6-16	3-11
Lincoln (Mo.).....	3-22	2-13

Feb. 21:
Lindenwood at Truman
Central Oklahoma at Missouri Southern
Nebraska-Kearney at Washburn

Feb. 23:
Nebraska-Kearney at Missouri Western
Central Missouri at Southwest Baptist

MHS BOYS’ BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS		
	Overall	MEC
Lafayette.....	20-3	7-0
Cameron.....	18-7	6-1
MARYVILLE.....	18-7	5-3
Smithville.....	17-7	4-3
Bishop LeBlond.....	10-11	3-4
Benton.....	5-19	3-7
Chillicothe.....	7-14	1-5
Savannah.....	7-17	1-7

Feb. 21:
MARYVILLE vs. Bishop LeBlond
Cameron vs. Lawson

NW WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Washburn.....	19-3	13-1
Central Mo.....	21-2	13-2
Emporia St.....	16-6	11-3
Northeastern St.....	17-7	12-4
Truman.....	17-5	10-4
Fort Hays.....	18-5	10-5
Pitt. St.....	15-7	9-5
Mo. Western.....	13-9	6-8
Mo. Southern.....	11-12	5-10
NORTHWEST.....	11-12	5-10
Lincoln (Mo.).....	10-13	5-10
Southwest Baptist.....	10-14	5-11
Nebraska-Kearney.....	6-15	3-11
Central Oklahoma.....	9-13	2-12
Lindenwood.....	4-19	1-14

Feb. 21:
Lindenwood at Truman
Central Oklahoma at Mo. Southern
Nebraska-Kearney at Washburn

Feb. 23:
Nebraska-Kearney at Missouri Western
Central Missouri at Southwest Baptist

MHS GIRLS’ BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS		
	Overall	MEC
Benton.....	18-5	7-0
Smithville.....	18-4	6-1
Bishop LeBlond.....	14-9	4-3
Lafayette.....	17-7	5-4
Cameron.....	15-10	3-4
Savannah.....	7-12	3-5
Chillicothe.....	11-15	2-5
MARYVILLE.....	6-17	0-8

Feb. 21:
Penney vs. Bishop LeBlond
Cameron vs. Lawson

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Junior point guard Chelsea Byland looks to pass the ball against a Bishop LeBlond defender at Monday’s district game.

Girls basketball falls in 1st round of districts

ELI WELLMAN

Missourian Reporter | @NWMSports

The Maryville girls’ basketball team suffered a huge loss at districts Monday night to end a disappointing season.

Head coach Grant Hageman did take some positive things away from this season.

“The girls didn’t quit on me at all this season,” Hageman said. “Hopefully, they can take that away from this season and use it somewhere else in life as they get older.”

The Hounds will have a more experienced team coming back next season after only having three seniors leading the team this year.

“We have a younger crop of girls in the program right now,” Hageman said. “I think they are excited to go and play. Hopefully, they see we got some work to do, and hopefully, they see how hard these seniors worked.”

Blair Twaddle, Chelsey McMichael and Baylee Scarborough are three girls graduating after this season. Hageman says they will be a tough group to replace.

“It’s gonna be hard to see them go,” Hageman said. “These younger girls got to be around three seniors that are some of the best leaders I’ve had. We are definitely going to miss the leadership.”

The 49-24 loss Monday night came against Penney High School. Junior point guard Chelsea Byland led the way for Maryville with 13

“The girls didn’t quit on me at all this season. Hopefully, they can take that away from this season and use it somewhere else in life as they get older.”
Grant Hageman

points, while Gabby Church chipped in four points in the loss.

“Things didn’t go our way at the beginning,” Hageman said. “We didn’t play with much energy in the first half, but I couldn’t be happier with the way the girls finished the game. Don’t take anything away from them (Penney) though; they are a great team.”

The Hounds have a lot of work to do in the offseason. But with so many players returning, Hageman is optimistic for the future of the program.

“We have a big group of young girls ready to take over next season,” Hageman said. “After this season, a lot of them have the experience playing at the varsity level, so they will know what to expect. They saw how to be good leaders, and I think they will be ready come next season.”

Boys advance to next round

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Chief Sports Reporter | @TheCowboyCraig

Following a court-storming 58-56 win over Savannah Feb. 15, the Maryville boys’ basketball team looked to keep that same momentum heading into the first round of districts.

Facing the No. 7 seed, Plattsburg, the No. 2 seeded ‘Hounds did just that, winning 75-26.

Senior forward Tyler Kenkel and senior guard Treyton Burch led all scorers with 14 points apiece.

Head coach Mike Kuwitzky said he felt good about the team’s balance offensively.

“That’s when we feel good about our team, when we can spread out the balance,” Kuwitzky said. “We’ve had some of our better games when we’ve had balanced scoring. I thought everybody contributed, so I’m proud of the entire team.”

With the win, the (18-7) Spoofhounds move on to face Bishop LeBlond in the semifinals.

This will be the third time the Spoofhounds and Golden Eagles have faced each other, with LeBlond getting the most recent win 48-35 Jan. 29 at St. Joseph.

“That’s a good team, a very good team,” Kuwitzky said. “They beat us last time here pretty good, so we have to play better than we did last time. We gotta focus on being able to attack what LeBlond does best.

“They run a good zone, and they’re pretty physical, and they run a pretty patient offense. So we gotta be able to deal with that.”

The teams face off at 6 p.m. Thursday at Bishop LeBlond.



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior guard Treyton Burch goes up over a defender for a lay-up in Tuesday’s landslide victory.

Wrestling places 2 in state tournament

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Missourian Reporter | @NWMSports

Two Spoofhound wrestlers medaled for Maryville at state last weekend.

Head coach Joe Drake is pleased with the two place-winners, but his heart is heavy after 145-pound senior Derek Stiens was eliminated after two rounds.

“We were hoping Derek Stiens, being a senior, could place this year,” Drake said. “It just didn’t happen. When you get to the state tournament, that’s the way it goes. Sometimes breaks go your way, and sometimes they don’t. He just didn’t have a very good day. It was kind of disappointing because we were really

hoping he would be able to place.”

Sophomore Brendon Waybrew, from the 285 pound weight class and 126 pound sophomore Nate Alexander had successful return trips to the state tournament, placing fourth and sixth, respectively.

“I’m not surprised,” Drake said. “They both qualified as freshmen, and if we are doing our job as coaches, the boys will progress each year. These results were well within our expectations.”

Waybrew pinned his first two opponents in the tournament but fell in the semifinals to Coleman Lawson from Mid-Buchanan. He pinned his next opponent to get into the third-place match, and

he lost in a decision, 3-2.

Alexander won his first match 12-7. After getting pinned in the second round, he pinned his next two opponents. Alexander’s final match of the tournament was for fifth place, where he fell 7-2.

The last qualifier for Maryville, Dane Hull, was unable to compete due to illness.

With two place-winners returning next season, Drake is excited for the future of the program.

“It gives us a good place to start next year,” Drake said. “With their experience, we are gonna expect some leadership from them. Younger wrestlers are gonna see what it takes to place and do well at the state tournament.”

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

DeAngelo Hailey



Senior guard DeAngelo Hailey led Northwest past No. 25 Washburn 63-61 Saturday with 19 points and six boards, going seven-of-eight from the free-throw line.

Annie Mathews



Albeit in a loss, sophomore forward Annie Mathews fell just one rebound shy of a double-double Saturday against No. 5 Washburn with 12 points and nine boards.

SPOOFHOUNDS



Tyler Kenkel



Senior forward Tyler Kenkel dropped a team-high 14 points in the Spoofhounds’ 75-26 blowout victory Tuesday against Plattsburg in the first round of the district tournament.

Chelsea Byland



Junior guard Chelsea Byland led Maryville with 13 points in a first-round loss to Penney High School in the district tournament. The Spoofhounds lost 49-24 to end the season.

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Women fall below .500, keep eye on MIAA tourney

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Northwest women’s basketball begins its most important stretch of the season this week amid a five-game losing streak.

The Bearcats still have their eye on an eight-seed, guaranteeing them a home game in the first round of the MIAA tournament. The ‘Cats are 8-4 at home this season and are sitting at 10th place in the conference.

Northwest hosted its annual Pink Zone Game in support of breast cancer awareness against Missouri Western.

Results were unavailable for press time. Check www.nwmissouri-rinews.com for the full game story.

The Bearcats will hit the road Saturday to take on Nebraska-Kearney. The Bearcats defeated the Lopers 67-56 in their first meeting.

Head coach Mark Kellogg stressed the significance of each game in preparation for postseason play.

“(The game against Missouri Western) is the biggest of the year so far, and the next one will be just as big from here on out for us,” Kellogg said. “But without a doubt, if we want to make any noise as far as seedings are concerned or potentially a home game...then it’s going to start with this one, and it’ll just carry over from

this point on. We need to play well. We need to find a way to win.”

Northwest is on the heels of a tough loss to No. 6 Washburn. The Bearcats were within four points of the Lady Blues in the second half, but 26 turnovers were too much to overcome in a 61-54 loss.

Northwest fell to 11-12 overall and 5-10 in the MIAA, falling under .500 for the first time this season.

Junior guard Monique Stevens led Northwest with 12 points and six assists.

Giveaways have been troublesome during the ‘Cats five game skid. Northwest is averaging over 18 turnovers a game during that span.

“Turnovers seem to be the one thing that just keeps kind of biting us,” Kellogg said. “Everybody seems to be turning our turnovers into points.”

“It’s just extra possessions, extra opportunities for other teams to score that they’re capitalizing on, and we’re not. We shoot it really well. We shoot it at a high percentage. We’re just giving other teams too many opportunities.”

The Bearcats are third in the MIAA in field goal percentage, shooting 44 percent on the season.

Northwest will match up with Nebraska-Kearney at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Kearney, Neb.



HANNAH JURGENSEN | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior forward Alex Boeh stretches to score during the second half of Saturday’s game against Washburn.

Pitching biggest issue for baseball through 2 weeks

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Eight games into the season with one win under the belt, Northwest head baseball coach Darin Loe said consistency and confidence are some of the keys to the baseball team.

“It’s just a matter of getting outside and continuing to get those reps and get in those game situation,” Loe said. “Bottom line-it’s confidence, and if you’re able to do those things, you don’t have those ups and downs over the course of a ball game.”

After going 1-2 against Northeastern State over the weekend, the Bearcats headed into a doubleheader against the Nebraska-Kearney Lopers Tuesday.

In game one, senior pitcher Chase Anderson got the start.

Anderson was unable to get out of the second inning, however, giving up six runs on seven hits.

After the Lopers added two runs in the top of the fourth, the ‘Cats offense exploded in the fifth inning, scoring five runs off four hits.

The inning was highlighted by a three-run homerun from junior third baseman Eric McGlaufflin.

Northwest could not keep the offensive surge going, however, losing the first game 10-6.

The two teams traded runs in the third and fifth innings of game two, and heading into the top of the ninth inning, the score was even at 4-4.

The Lopers scored the winning run in the top of the 10th inning that came from an RBI single to left field.

The Bearcats fell short of a comeback in their next at bat, finishing to take a 5-4 loss.

“I thought we competed real well,” Loe said. “We battled back and cleaned up some things defensively. I thought we really battled the last 14 innings, so that’s a good start in the right direction.”

Next up for the Bearcats (1-7, 1-4 MIAA) is a three-game series against Lindenwood starting at noon Saturday at Bearcat Field.

Softball still unbeaten through 2 weekends, sets school record

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Just two weeks into the season, the Northwest softball team did something it has never done before.

The Bearcats are off to a spotless 7-0 start, the best record the program has ever jumped out to.

Northwest knocked off Concordia St. Paul, Illinois-Springfield, Southern Arkansas, Ouachita Baptist and Oklahoma Panhandle State over the weekend, following a two-game sweep against St. Mary (Kan.) en route to the unblemished opening record.

Even with the promising start, head coach Ryan Anderson downplayed the record-breaking takeoff, saying he cannot speculate as to whether this is his best team yet.

“It’s too soon,” Anderson said. “We got out of a couple situations that could have easily gone the other way down there.”

One of the looming reasons for the hot start is the team’s offense, in which the Bearcats have opened the year batting .381 as a team with a .456 on-base percentage.

“It’s huge,” Anderson said. “We’ve had people step up this year with the bats. It’s good to see that

side of it, see people stepping in and filling roles.”

Northwest will head to Rochester, Minn. from Friday through Sunday for the NSIC/MIAA Cross-over with five games in three days.

First up for the Bearcats is Sioux Falls (S.D.) Friday for the Cougars’ season opener. It will be the first of two regular-season matchups between the two squads, with another game coming March 2. Northwest then plays St. Cloud State at 6 p.m.

The ‘Cats then face Minnesota State-Mankato, Upper Iowa and Concordia-St. Paul Saturday to round out the weekend.

Team pitching

ERA - 1.68
Strikeouts - 46
Walks - 23

Team batting

Average - .381
On-base % - .456
Runs - 56

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MHS Boys' Basketball: The Spoof-hounds advance to the second round of district play after a win against Plattsburg Tuesday. | **A9**



MISSOURIAN SPORTS

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All-time strikeout leader sizzles to start senior season



KAYLA MEPELINK | NW MISSOURIAN

"I definitely didn't expect it. I don't go into games assuming I'm going to throw a no-hitter. That was my first collegiate win, and I remember before that game I called my high school coach. I was really frustrated because I was 0-3 or whatever. I hadn't won. So I think I was just really motivated to prove myself."

Jenna Creger



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The all-time strikeout leader in Northwest softball history. It has a nice ring to it.

But senior pitcher Jenna Creger looks beyond the record she handily broke midway through last season, despite pitching through an abdominal injury that eventually sidelined her for three weeks.

It is a big accomplishment, she said, and it is nice to see hard work pay off. Yet from a team standpoint, it is just another out and another way to help the team find success.

"It's nice to be able to give something back in return, especially since I don't bat," Creger said. "It's not like I'm contributing to our runs."

And this is why Creger is such a vital aspect to her team. Her selflessness and tenacity to do whatever it takes to win is what makes her so valuable to a program that has found success the last few years and is off to its best start in its history this year.

Her willingness to pitch through an injury is another example of how much she means to the team, head

coach Ryan Anderson said.

"It was big for us. We talked to her about what she wanted to do, and it was to the point where she wanted to play, even though it was one of those (injuries) where it really don't go away until you aren't doing anything for awhile," Anderson said. "She kept us in some games even though she was hurting."

"When she tried to compete through it, it showed a lot about her."

Her numbers from the mound show a lot about her, too. Creger was outstanding at Winterset High School, posting a school-record ERA of 0.92 during her four years. She also set a school record for career shutouts with 73. The three-time all-state pitcher from Iowa finished with a career record of 108-24, guiding her team to a state title in 2008.

"You could see in high school she had movement. She threw harder than a lot of kids at that age," Anderson said.

The transition from high school to college was smooth and swift. In just her third start as a Bearcat, Creger threw a no-hitter, the only no-no for the 'Cats in the last eight years.

"I definitely didn't expect it. I don't go into games assuming I'm going to throw a no-hitter," Creger said. "That was my first collegiate win, and I remember before that game I called my high school coach. I was really frustrated because I was 0-3 or whatever. I hadn't won. So I think I was just really motivated to prove myself."

The motivation would continue, as Creger finished her freshman campaign with 140 strikeouts and an ERA of 3.19, both top-10 accomplishments in the MIAA that season.

Her strikeout-to-walk ratio was greater than 7-to-1, good for 13th in the nation. As a freshman.

"Considering you're facing kids that are in their fourth year of college, some in their fifth year of college, and you go out and shut teams down. That's impressive," Anderson said.

"She comes out and she wants to compete. She gets the ball and thinks about situations, thinks about different hitters and what to do."

Creger says she does not have a specific go-to pitch to sit hitters down. Rather, it is her high I.Q. of the

game coupled with her skillsets that make her so lethal on the mound. It is a chess match to Creger on the hill. And she is always two steps ahead of the competition.

Her mental prowess of the game developed early. She learned at a young age to pitch ahead and keep hitters off-balanced by continually mixing up her pitches.

"You see a lot of pitchers out there. They might be good pitchers who have great stuff, but they get in a rut, and you kind of figure

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Men look to improve as season dwindles down

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After dropping three contests in a row, Northwest got back on track against then No. 25 Washburn Saturday.

The Bearcats took on rival Missouri Western Wednesday at home. Although results were not available at press time, head coach Ben McCollum knew he had to prepare for the talent and depth of the Griffons.

"One through six and seven would play considerable minutes for me," McCollum said. "They have an extreme amount of talent, I think. They do a great job of recruiting. Their assistant obviously really targets those under-recruited kids and brings them there and gets great talent."

The 'Cats look like a different team since they defeated Western Jan. 12 due to the effect of junior forward Dillon Starzl's injury.

While Starzl was sidelined with an MCL sprain, sophomore forward Grant Cozad and freshman guard Connor Crooker stepped up as go-to scorers, and with Starzl back in the lineup, the Bearcats have more threats on offense.

"Grant gets consistent minutes now...that was the big thing for him," McCollum said. "Connor mentally has gotten considerably better. Just his toughness and game readiness has been excellent. I think since the game at Central (Missouri), he has been great ever since."

Crooker and senior guard DeAngelo Hailey came off the bench Saturday to combine for 35 points as Northwest took down the Ichabods for a much-needed 63-61 win.

"I feel like we started the game with much-needed energy, which we haven't done in the last couple of games," McCollum said. "The other thing I thought we did from first half to second half was execute considerably better. We went inside and took care of the basketball on top of it. That's how we win games. We keep it close...it's how we do it."

As of Tuesday, the 'Cats were the No. 7 seed in the MIAA conference, but they would like to win out and gain a top-four seed and receive a first-round bye in the conference tournament.

"Our objective is to win our next game, and if we can do that, that would be great, and get our seeding as good as possible for the conference tournament," McCollum said. "We have to win that to make the national tournament."

Remaining on Northwest's regular season schedule is Nebraska-Kearney and Truman State, both under .500.

McCollum looks for unusual problems from the two teams that have combined for just 14 wins.

"Those bottom teams are pretty tough teams because they change so much...they change different things that makes them hard to prepare for," McCollum said. "Whereas your six, seven and eight (seeds) are pretty sim-



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Junior guard Tyler Funk goes in for a layup to help the Bearcats in a clutch last-season win against Washburn Saturday.

ple in what they do, and it makes it a little easier. I guess whoever we play, we have to be ready. It's tourney time, and anything can

happen."

Northwest tips off against Nebraska-Kearney at 7:30 Feb. 27 in Kearney, Neb.

IOC steals Olympic lore from games

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I love watching the Olympics. I always have. But when I heard that the International Olympic Committee voted to take wrestling off the program for the 2020 games, I was shocked. I wrestled for more than 10 years of my life. I grew up around it.

This decision made Feb. 12 sparked uproar in the wrestling community around the world. Many arguments are based on the fact that the committee also voted on whether to keep the modern pentathlon.

What is that? I asked myself the same question. As it turns out, it consists of shooting, fencing, swimming, running and jumping horses. I don't know about you, but that's not something I want to watch.

Around the world, 180 countries compete in wrestling. A total of 53 compete in that pentathlon.

Wrestling isn't dead yet, though. The decision can be appealed. Wrestling will have to fend off baseball and softball, which were both cut from the Olympics after the 2008 games in Beijing, China, along the way. As much as I love watching baseball, I hope wrestling beats it out. Baseball has the World Base-

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